

## Monthly

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Well it has finally happened again, and so soon, we have lost another stalwart of the shed on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February we had the sad news that finally Matt Stevenson has passed on. He had been very unwell for quite a while but had still managed to get along to the shed when he could.

The general meeting on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> February remembered him with a minutes silence and flew our flag at half-mast and we noted his family's wishes re his funeral. The AMSA have lost a very willing guy. I have added this tribute From the QMSA. As this says a lot from Mal Weier and our own Ben Warner,

**Hi All Sheds,** It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of Matthew Stevenson, our long term Treasurer of the Queensland Men's Shed Association (QMSA). Matty was a great friend to many and a great colleague and supporter of the entire Men's Shed movement. Matty suffered from terminal cancer for about 18 months and during this time was adamant that he continue to serve the Men's Shed Community. Matty was a founding member of the Alexandra Hills Men's Shed and attended, when health permitted, up until the last week of his life. His mainstay in life was his devoted and caring wife Jenny who gave of herself enormously to encourage Matty in his interests in Men's Shed Business. I visited with Matty and Jenny the day before he returned to hospital for the last time. It was a privilege and an inspiration to spend a couple of hours with them. Matty was still vitally interested in what was happening within the Men's Shed movement and offered many great suggestions. He had an unwavering passion about the QMSA and his fellow committee members and wanted to have a strong and vibrant State Organisation. I sincerely believe his vision is the reality of the future for all of us. I, as many of you that knew Matty, will miss him very much. We have lost a real gem.

**We held a wake on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February where family and friends numbering approximately 70 people gathered at the shed and enjoyed a few drinks and nibbles and of course the obligatory**

**sausage sizzle. The new Patio proved very usable and a lasting monument to the expansion of the initial shed.**



Using the Patio at the Wake



And the lights came on OK.

Rob had a few words to say about how he had been helped by Matt in the past and the sterling work he did to secure the shed.

Not forgetting also the Passing of "Leif Jensen" which has inspired Linz to compose an Ode re Leif.

"To Leif's family and all his friends, Alex Hills shed's sympathy and care extends. Leif was significant in presence and stature, Also his warm and supportive nature. Sausage sizzles won't be the same without Leif Pronouncing his name always caused me some strife, I never heard Leif put anyone down.

We will all miss this man of renown. “

Our Poet Linz.

I do not like Wakes it means somebody has gone but then we can always remember them with friends.

**Whoops another branch fell off a tree, lucky it did not hit anybody.**



“Bluey” our tree whisperer heard another tree groaning in the car park and a number of cars were **MOVED**.

The recordings from security cameras installed have been looked at to see if we can spot who broke into Bluey's shed, lucky nothing stolen but the door was damaged and a new lock has been installed.

Well at our meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> February it was made very enjoyable with this magnificent cake donated by Jenny with thanks for the Wake we put on for Matt.



We went on to have a sausage sizzle of course. There were quite a number of items discussed at the meeting and the shed's future with the QMSA Was proclaimed as somewhat doubtful as there seems to be a lack of genuine two way communication. Matt was the treasurer in that

organisation and with Ben still as the secretary we certainly need to have clearer lines of communication.

Its shows what an education can do for you!

A Lawyer: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?

WITNESS: Yes.

Lawyer: And in what ways does it affect your memory?

WITNESS: I forget.

Lawyer: You forget? Can you give us an example of something you forgot? ☺.

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“I checked the serial number of your laptop. It's a waffle iron.”

***The Importance of an Occupation After Retirement...***

As we get older we sometimes begin to doubt our ability to **"Make a difference"** in the world.

It is at these times that our hopes are boosted by the remarkable achievements of other **"Seniors"** who have found the courage to take on challenges

That would make many of us  
wither.

Harold Schlumberg is such a  
person:

**THIS IS QUOTED FROM HAROLD:**

"I've often been asked, 'What do  
you do now that you're retired?'

Well...I'm fortunate to have a  
chemical engineering background  
and one of the things I enjoy most  
is converting beer, wine and  
whiskey into urine.

It's rewarding, uplifting, satisfying  
and fulfilling.

I do it every day and I really enjoy  
it."

**Harold Is an Inspiration to Us All.**

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